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REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1 -17 and claims 19-21 have been canceled. Claim 18 has been amended herein. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I. PRIORITY

The Examiner has requested that the application confirm that Applicant's claim to priority application 09/632,696 was filed in error. Applicant hereby confirms that Applicant's claim to priority based on application 09/632,696 was in error. The applicant is not entitled to an earlier effective filing date than the actual filing date of the application.

II. DRAWINGS

The examiner has requested that Figures 1a, 1b, and 2 be designated with a legend such as –Prior Art--. The –Prior Art—Legend has been added to Figures 1a, 1b, and 2. Replacement sheets are attached reflecting this change.

III. CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 12 and 15 are objected to for informalities. Claims 12 and 15 have been canceled.

IV. REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC § 112

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite. Claim 4 has been canceled.

V. REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC § 102

Claims 1- 17, and 19-21 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,510,228 to Rose. Claims 1-17 and 19-21 have been canceled.

VI. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER.

The applicant thanks the examiner for indicating that the subject matter of claim 18 is allowable if re-written in impendent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The applicant has amended claim 18 to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


VII. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, claim 18 is believed to be allowable and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 501825.

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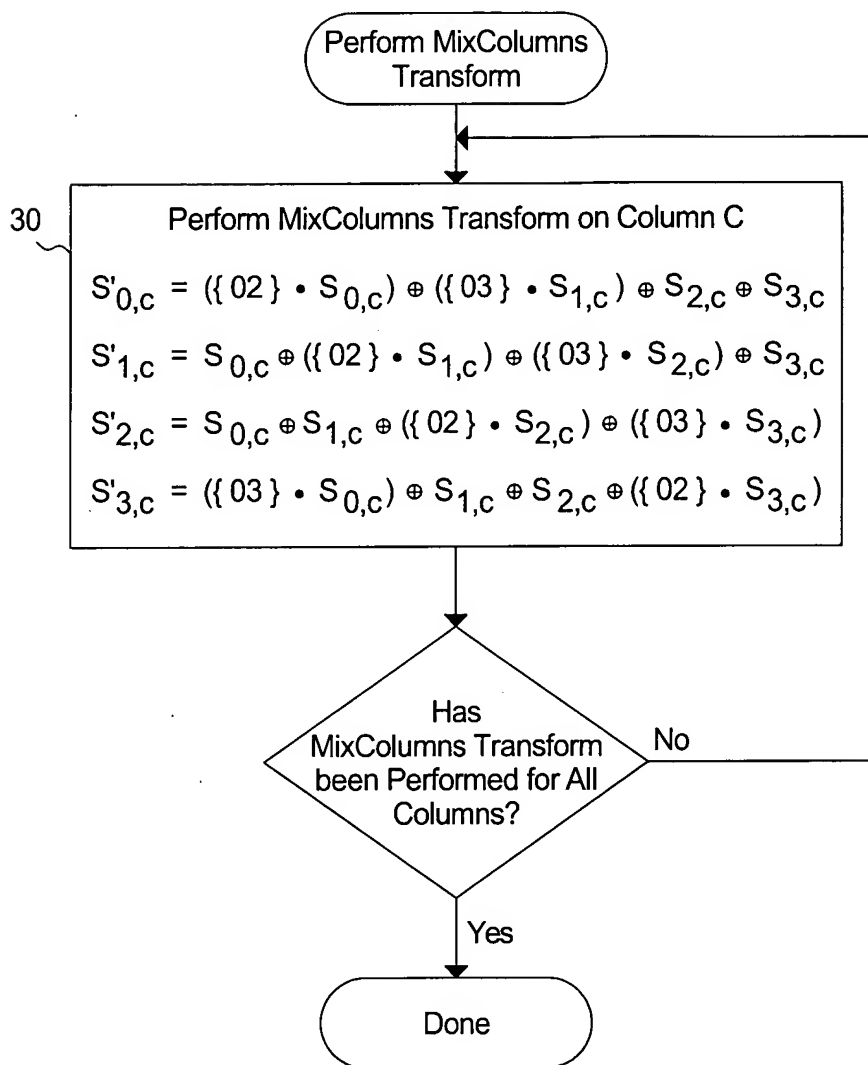


Figure 2

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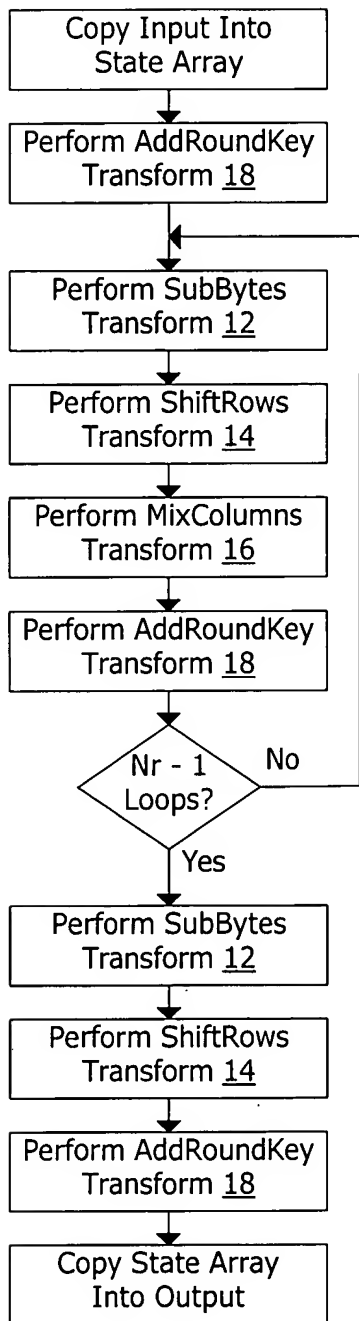


Figure 1a

(Prior Art)

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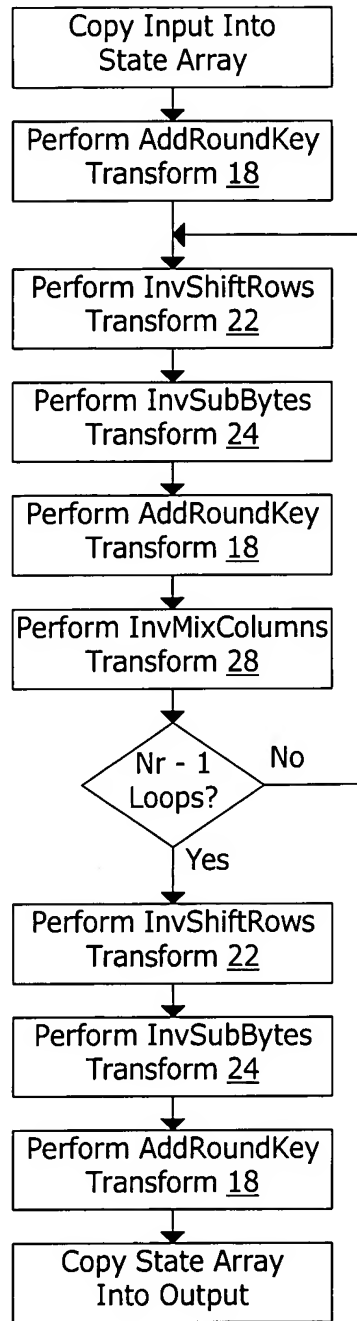


Figure 1b

(Prior Art)

Legends Added